

the adoption of this amendment and any irrigation or drainage project subject to the laws relating to irrigation and drainage administered by the Department of Agriculture or the Secretary of Agriculture.

(May 28, 1956, ch. 327, title II, §211, 70 Stat. 202.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The soil-bank provisions of this Act, referred to in subsec. (c), probably means those provisions of act May 28, 1956, ch. 327, known as the Agricultural Act of 1956, which enacted the Soil Bank Act, and which were classified to subchapters I to III (§1801 et seq.) of chapter 45 of this title. The Soil Bank Act was repealed by Pub. L. 89-321, title VI, §601, Nov. 3, 1965, 79 Stat. 1206. For complete classification of the Soil Bank Act to the Code prior to repeal, see Tables.

The Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto), referred to in subsec. (d), are classified generally to chapter 12 (§371 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 371 of Title 43 and Tables.

The date of the adoption of this amendment, referred to in subsec. (d), probably means the date of enactment of the Agricultural Act of 1956, which was May 28, 1956.

### CHAPTER 47—INTERCHANGE OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND STATE EMPLOYEES

#### §§ 1881 to 1888. Repealed. Pub. L. 91-648, title IV, § 403, Jan. 5, 1971, 84 Stat. 1925

Sections, act Aug. 2, 1956, ch. 878, §§1-8, 70 Stat. 934, related to:

Section 1881, declaration of purpose;

Section 1882, definitions;

Section 1883, cooperative agreements and period of assignment;

Section 1884, amended Aug. 4, 1965, Pub. L. 89-106, §6, 79 Stat. 432, Departmental employees, status, salary and leave rights, and disability or death arising out of injury;

Section 1885, travel expenses of departmental employees;

Section 1886, State employees: appointments or detail, compensation, and supervision of duties;

Section 1887, State employees: conflict of interest and disability or death arising out of injury; and

Section 1888, travel expenses of state employees. See section 3371 et seq. of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective sixty days after Jan. 5, 1971, see section 404 of Pub. L. 91-648, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3371 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

### CHAPTER 48—HUMANE METHODS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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1901.	Findings and declaration of policy.
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1906.	Exemption of ritual slaughter.
1907.	Practices involving nonambulatory livestock.
	(a) Report.
	(b) Authority.
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#### CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in title 21 sections 603, 610, 620.

### § 1901. Findings and declaration of policy

The Congress finds that the use of humane methods in the slaughter of livestock prevents needless suffering; results in safer and better working conditions for persons engaged in the slaughtering industry; brings about improvement of products and economies in slaughtering operations; and produces other benefits for producers, processors, and consumers which tend to expedite an orderly flow of livestock and livestock products in interstate and foreign commerce. It is therefore declared to be the policy of the United States that the slaughtering of livestock and the handling of livestock in connection with slaughter shall be carried out only by humane methods.

(Pub. L. 85-765, §1, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 862.)

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

For citation of Pub. L. 95-445, Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1069, as the ‘Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978’, see Short Title of 1978 Amendment note set out under section 601 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

#### ENFORCEMENT OF HUMANE METHODS OF SLAUGHTER ACT OF 1958

Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10305, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 493, provided that:

“(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should—

“(1) continue tracking the number of violations of Public Law 85-765 (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.; commonly known as the ‘Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958’) and report the results and relevant trends annually to Congress; and

“(2) fully enforce Public Law 85-765 by ensuring that humane methods in the slaughter of livestock—

“(A) prevent needless suffering;

“(B) result in safer and better working conditions for persons engaged in slaughtering operations;

“(C) bring about improvement of products and economies in slaughtering operations; and

“(D) produce other benefits for producers, processors, and consumers that tend to expedite an orderly flow of livestock and livestock products in interstate and foreign commerce.

“(b) UNITED STATES POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States that the slaughtering of livestock and the handling of livestock in connection with slaughter shall be carried out only by humane methods, as provided by Public Law 85-765.”

#### COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION OF EQUINE FOR SLAUGHTER

Pub. L. 104-127, title IX, subtitle A, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1184, provided that:

“SEC. 901. FINDINGS.

“Because of the unique and special needs of equine being transported to slaughter, Congress finds that it is appropriate for the Secretary of Agriculture to issue guidelines for the regulation of the commercial transportation of equine for slaughter by persons regularly engaged in that activity within the United States.

“SEC. 902. DEFINITIONS.

“In this subtitle:

“(1) COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION.—The term ‘commercial transportation’ means the regular operation for profit of a transport business that uses trucks, tractors, trailers, or semitrailers, or any combination thereof, propelled or drawn by mechanical power on any highway or public road.

“(2) EQUINE FOR SLAUGHTER.—The term ‘equine for slaughter’ means any member of the Equidae family being transferred to a slaughter facility, including an assembly point, feedlot, or stockyard.